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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Takao MURAKAMI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2833  
Application No. 10/616,976 ) Examiner: Gilman, A.  
Filed: July 11, 2003 ) Confirmation No. 2868  
For: CONNECTOR )

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Sir:

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Enclosed is a reply to the Final Office Action mailed March 24, 2005 and the Advisory Action mailed July 8, 2005. The items checked below are attached:

- Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (1 page);
- Petition for Extension of Time – 2 months (1 page); and
- Check in the amount of \$1,240.00.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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